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Jeff Davis (122)
County

FORT DAVIS
Town or Vicinity

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Fort Davis (TEX-3102)

Structure

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1 mile NE. of town of Fort Davis on Tex. 17. National Historic Site. Museum. Fort Davis was established in 1854 and named for Jefferson Davis, then Secretary of War. Its purpose was to end the Indian menace to the routes from San Antonio westward, and to honor the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo by cutting off the Apache and Comanche raids into northern Mexico for cattle and horses. For 18 years Black troops were stationed at Fort Davis and par-
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icipated in the engagements which ehlped to bring the Apaches under control. Official abandonment of the fort came in 1891. Acquisition by the National Park Service was made possible by legislation in 1961. Subsequent restoration and preservation are making Fort Davis a fine example of a typical western fort. 5 ext. photos (1936, including barracks, officers' row, quarters, and chapel); 2 data pages (1937). HABSI. NR.

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